

District Judge Lauren King

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

STATE OF WASHINGTON, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity as
President of the United States, *et al.*,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:25-cv-00244-LJK

NOTICE

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1. Defendants hereby provide notice to the Court of a Memorandum issued by the Attorney General of the United States. Att’y Gen., U.S. DEP’T OF JUSTICE, *Preventing the Mutilation of American Children* (Apr. 22, 2025), Ex A.
2. Section I of the memorandum, entitled “Enforcement of Laws Outlawing Female Genital Mutilation,” directs “all U.S. Attorneys to investigate all suspected cases of FGM [female genital mutilation]—under the banner of so-called ‘gender-affirming’ care or otherwise—and to prosecute all FGM offenses to the fullest extent possible.” Memorandum at 3–4.
3. The memorandum does not change the statutory definition of “female genital

1 mutilation.”¹ See 8 U.S.C. § 116(e). Nor does the memorandum remove the statutory
 2 exclusion for “a surgical operation” that is “necessary to the health of the person on
 3 whom it is performed, and is performed by a person licensed in the place of its
 4 performance as a medical practitioner.” *Id.* § 116(b)(1).

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 7 DATED this 25th day of April, 2025.

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22 ¹ The statute defines “female genital mutilation” as “any procedure performed for non-medical
 23 reasons that involves partial or total removal of, or other injury to, the external female genitalia” and
 24 provides examples. 18 U.S.C. § 116(e).

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